

Patrons of Husbandry.

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In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity.

National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Officers elected at Sixth Annual Session.

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T. A. THOMPSON, Plainview, Wabash co., Minnesota, Lecturer.
GEN. A. J. VAUGHAN, Early Grove, Marshall co., Mississippi, Steward.
G. W. THOMPSON, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Asst. Steward.
REV. A. B. GROSS, Washington, District of Columbia, Chaplain.
F. M. McDOWELL, Corning, New York, Treasurer.
O. H. KELLY, Washington, District of Columbia, Secretary.
O. DINWIDDIE, Orchard Grove, Lake co., Indiana, Gate-keeper.
MRS. ADAMS, Waukon, Iowa, Ceres.
MRS. THOMAS TAYLOR, Columbia, South Carolina, Pomona.
MRS. JOSEPH T. MOORE, Sandy Spring, Maryland, Flora.
MISS C. A. HALL, Washington, District of Columbia, Lady Asst. Steward.
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T. J. JACKSON, Liberty, Amite county, Steward.
FRANK BURKITT, Houston, Chickasaw county, Assistant Steward.
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W. W. VAUGHN, Magnolia, Pike county.
W. W. TRAUT, Aberdeen, Monroe county.
A. J. VAUGHAN, Marshall County, (Post-office, Memphis, Tenn.), Proxy to National Grange.

Special Deputies of State Grange.

STATE GRANGE OF MISSISSIPPI.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
RIENZI, MISS., December 22, 1874.
MAJOR WALL: I hand you below a list of Deputies appointed by the Worthy Master of the State Grange. These Deputies will serve until the Fifth Annual Session of the State Grange, in September next. Commissions will be sent to each as soon as they can be sent to the Worthy Master for his signature.
W. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
T. J. ABY, Port Gibson, for Claiborne and Adams counties.
James Williams, Verona, for Lee county.
J. L. Bramlett, Booneville, for Prentiss county.
E. T. Hudnall, Monticello, for Lawrence, Covington, Hancock, Marion and Jones counties.
M. West, Houston, for Chickasaw county.
J. M. Grafton, Brookhaven, for Lincoln co.
J. A. Galbreath Sr., Union Church for Jefferson county.
W. W. VAUGHN, Magnolia, for Pike Co.
T. J. JACKSON, Liberty, for Amite Co.
A. B. Bowdrie, Senatobia, for De Soto county.
A. J. Liddell, Carrollton, for Carroll Co.
N. D. Hicks, Iuka, for Tishomingo Co.
S. B. Woodruff, Louisville, for Winston county.
J. H. Allen, Banner, for Calhoun county.
John G. McArthur, Meridian, for Lauderdale county.
J. N. Parker, Westville, for Simpson county.
B. S. Rushing, Walnut Grove, for Leake county.
Ira W. Nash, Philadelphia, for Neshoba county.
H. O. Dixon, Jackson, for Hinds county.
Geo. L. Demold, DeSoto, for Clarke and Wayne counties.
M. F. Berry, Paulding, for Jasper Co.
H. L. Holland, Guntown, for Union Co.
T. J. Fryar, Ripley, for Tippah county.
R. A. Dean, Tyro, for Tate and Panola counties.
A. S. Raugh, Polkville, for Smith county.
S. W. Land, Kosciusko, for Attala Co.
T. G. Smith Vaniz, Canton, for Madison county.
W. T. Robertson, Forest, for Scott county.
D. M. Dunlap, Ocean Springs, Jackson county, for Jackson and Hancock counties.

Geo. W. Barnes, Warrenton, for Warren county.
Gen. C. McLaurin, Rolling Fork, Issaquena county, for Issaquena and Washington counties.
R. D. Palmer, Winona, for Montgomery county.
H. M. Hicks, Dover, for Yazoo county.
George W. Rynum, Farmville, for Alcorn county.
J. C. Neilson, Columbus, for Lowndes county.
W. J. Res, Hazelhurst, for Copiah co.
G. W. Gill, Oxford, for Lafayette, Marshall and Yazoo counties.
W. H. Fitzgerald, Charleston, for Tallahatchie county.
Robt. Hardy, Siloam, for Calhoun county.
W. W. Troup, Aberdeen, for Monroe county.
J. Lane Leigh, Grenada, for Grenada co.
G. W. Campbell, Shuqualak, for Neshoba county.
R. A. Roach, Cornersville, for Benton co.
S. B. Leggett, Meadville, for Franklin co.
W. J. Morgan, Augusta, for Perry co.
J. W. G. Maxey, Chesterville, for Pontotoc county.
S. B. Gilbert, Chunky, for Newton county.
Col. R. Byrd, Riceville, for Pearl county.
Chestley Netterville, Woodville, for Wilkinson county.
J. R. Davis, Moscow, for Kemper county.

NOTICE.

The following answers to inquiries are given to all concerned:
Secretaries' and Treasurers' Quarterly Reports, and dues to State Grange, must be enclosed in same envelope, and sent direct to this office, and not to Treasurer of State Grange. Irregularities in this respect causes confusion and delays. The Treasurer keeps no account against Subordinate Granges. To insure prompt replies to communications never send them in envelopes with Quarterly Reports. In the hurry of this office, reports sometimes have to lie over a week or ten days. Letters requiring answers are always taken up first and Reports are attended to at leisure times.

Any county in this State having three Subordinate Granges, in good standing, and no Deputy, may apply to the nearest Deputy to organize a County Grange.

W. L. WILLIAMS,
Secretary State Grange.

NOTICE.

The following will hereafter be furnished at this office:
New Edition of Manuals, per dozen...\$1 50
do do per copy... 15
Patron's Monitor... 25
Song Book (with music) cloth... 15
do do paper... 10
do (without) do paper... 5
Travelling Cards, blanks... 25
do with Sec'y's cor... 50
do morocco covers... 25
Demit Blanks... per dozen... 1 00
Blank Petitions... per hundred... 1 00
No order for Patron's Monitor or Manuals will be filled except under seal of Grange.
W. L. WILLIAMS,
Secretary State Grange
Rienzi, Miss., June 22 1874-U

Notice from the Secretary of State Grange.

STATE GRANGE OF MISSISSIPPI.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
RIENZI, MISS., April 24th, 1874.

In answer to many inquiries I publish the following in regard to the per centum of dues to be paid by Subordinate Granges to County Granges:

COUNTY GRANGES.

Sec. 8. That after the organization, and before the adjournment, orders shall be placed upon the minutes, directing the Secretary to notify at once the Secretary of the State Grange of the organization, with the names of the officers, with the post-office address of the Master and Secretary; also directing the Treasurer to file at once a bond with two good securities in the sum of \$500 payable to the Master of the County Grange as Trustee, which the Secretary shall forward with his report. When the Secretary of the State Grange shall receive the report and the bonds of the Treasurers, he shall issue drafts to the Treasurer of the County Granges upon the State Grange for the per centum of the dues, ordered to be returned to County Granges, by the State Grange, commencing with the first quarter of 1874. I certify that the above is a true copy.
W. L. WILLIAMS, Secy.

NOTICE.

STATE GRANGE OF MISSISSIPPI.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
RIENZI, MISS., March 10, 1875.
In accordance with instructions issued by the Executive Committee, I have sent the "Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Session of the State Grange" to each Secretary of a Subordinate Grange who has made report to this office of election of officers for the present year. If any have failed to receive them, I will mail other copies when notified.
Yours fraternally,
W. L. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Organization of County Grange.

The delegates of the Subordinate Granges of Hinds county and the Masters and Past Masters and their wives, if Matrons, will assemble at Raymond on Saturday, the 15th day of May, for organization. Certificates, under the seal of their respective Granges, should accompany them.
H. O. DIXON, Deputy.

SOUND POSITION.—D. W. Adams, Master of the National Grange, says: The history of the world and its present condition, has established this fact, that all countries are poor which export crude, raw material, and import the manufactured, and the tendency of the people is all the time toward a condition of dependence. To this there has been no exception, and we would do well to heed the warning and escape the doom. Where the great industries, agriculture and manufacture, are equally developed, the general prosperity is assured.

DISPUTES.—It is an excellent rule to be observed in all disputes, that men should give soft words and hard arguments; that they should not so much strive to vex as to convince an opponent.

Tributes of Respect.

ORYKA, MISS., May 3, 1875.
MAJOR WALL: You will please find enclosed, resolutions passed by Pine Grove Grange, No. 78, upon the death of two of our worthy brothers, which you will please publish and oblige.

Yours very truly,

FRANK ROBERTS,
Secretary.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise Ruler of the universe that death should visit our Grange, and remove from our hitherto unbroken circle, our worthy brother, John T. Ellzey, who died at his residence, September 6, 1874; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a band of brothers and sisters of Pine Grove Grange, No. 78, do most deeply deplore the death of our beloved brother, who was in life honest, just and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-man, and who was a live member of our fraternity, and a true and faithful Patron of husbandry.

Resolved, That this Grange has lost one of its most energetic members, the community a deserving one, and Pike county a true and loyal citizen. Brothers and sisters, our worthy brother has obeyed the summons we must all sooner or later obey. Though it grieves us to part with our brother, let us bow with humble reverence to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and finding always our consolation through faith in a glorious resurrection.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his sad, bereaved family in their great affliction; praying that God may give them the spirit of reconciliation; that they may be reconciled to this dispensation of His providence.

ESCO M. SHILLING.

WHEREAS, Death has invaded our Grange and removed from our midst our much esteemed brother, R. Brock, a brave and generous man, a good Patron and an honored citizen, and it being meet and proper that we should give expression to our great sorrow at the loss of our worthy and lamented brother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the untimely death of Brother Brock Pine Grove Grange has lost one of the most useful and zealous of its most deserving members. Brother Brock was a scientific farmer, a good manager, and a good provider for his family, providing things honest in the sight of God and man. But alas, death is no respecter of persons. Brother Brock met the monster bravely, falling by the hand of an enemy, at his own gate, November 10th, 1874, when his spirit took its flight to a better world.

Resolved, That we do most deeply deplore the death of our worthy brother, and that we tender to his bereaved family our warmest sympathies in their great affliction.

Preamble and Resolutions of Mt. Hebron Grange No. 371.

MAJOR WALL: At a regular meeting of Mt. Hebron Grange No. 371, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, In the dispensation of Providence, the citizens in the vicinity of Mt. Hebron Grange have greatly suffered by the tornado, on the 15th of March 1875, some of them being left almost destitute either of houses or provisions, and,

WHEREAS, The good people of Ripley have contributed so liberally to the relief of the sufferers of Tippah county, and even beyond the limits of our county, did give heed to the cries of the unfortunate to come over and help us. The good citizens met and contributed as follows: Ripley, \$100; the Odd Fellows, \$25; the Grange of Ripley, \$15; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grange feel under deep and lasting obligations to the good people of Ripley for their timely aid, and deem it our duty to "proclaim from the house-tops the benevolent deeds of a kind hearted and generous people."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our paper the FARMERS VINDICATOR for publication.

Respectfully,
A. C. VANDIVER,
Secretary.

CATHOLICS CAN JOIN THE ORDER.

—It is well-known that the opposition which his holiness the Pope has manifested toward the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, has deterred many Catholic farmers from becoming members of the Grange. In accordance with the advice of one of the Catholic bishops of Minnesota, a member of that church who desired to become a Patron addressed the Pope on the subject, setting forth the objects and aims of the Order, and the means by which it proposed to attain them. The following is the substance of the reply thereto:

"The Pope allows the petitioner to join the Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, and be a member thereof, if he finds nothing therein conflicting with his conscience or the creed of the Catholic church."

As a consequence, the Order has received a large accession of strength in Minnesota, and when the news of the Pope's decision has reached other States, its effects will be to largely increase the numbers of the Patrons.—Coleman's Rural World.

Terry Grange and Crops in that Section of Hinds County.

MAJ. WALL: As I have not seen anything in the VINDICATOR from Terry Grange, I venture a line or two. We have two meetings each month, and the attendance is expressive of deep interest in the Order. The increase in membership of our Grange is encouraging. At our April meeting the fourth degree was conferred on two sisters and three brothers, three came with demits, and six await degrees. The committee on relief reported over seventy dollars expended in relieving a distressed brother, who has now left us to join the harvest beyond the dark River of Death. Our Grange is supplied with an organ, and we have several expert performers, assisted by vocal music of a superior order. So you see we have "charms that soothe a savage breast." Our Grange merchants, W. I. Davis & Co., at Terry, are the "right men in the right place," giving general satisfaction to all customers, whether Patrons or not. On one occasion a lady, visiting this store, was so amazed at the low price of goods that she purchased sixteen dress patterns. A planter, who had just purchased a barrel of flour, was asked by a friend the price paid, he replied, "seven dollars and a quarter." "How is that," inquired his friend, "I paid, not long since, eleven dollars." "You forget," said the planter, "that we have now a Grange store at Terry."

The fruit crop with us will be a medium one, but will be under a favorable season, fruit of a superior quality. The corn, owing to the cold weather, is not looking well, and but little worked out, and about the same average of last year. Cotton, acreage less. Oats, owing to the drouth of last fall, were sown late and are not encouraging, yet the increase in acreage is at least one hundred per cent. Some have sown wheat as an experiment, but as it was sown late it promises only an ordinary yield. Rye promises a good yield, but, was sown by very few and in small lots. A few planters have, for the first time, planted sugar cane, with a view of making syrup. One cotton planter, who has long wandered in darkness, by the lint settling on his eye-lashes, has several acres planted in cane, and has purchased a mill and evaporator. His friends are greatly rejoiced at his recovery from blindness. May an early convalescence attend all such.

German Millet has been planted in small lots by many. Chufas also—but in an experimental way. Many are making desperate efforts to throw off the yoke of King Cotton, and I have great hopes they will succeed, but they would be much aided in this by reading the VINDICATOR. Whenever I see a farmer depressed in spirits and in purse, I find he is not a reader of the VINDICATOR. This may seem a jest, but truths are often told in jests.

I read something about boiling down, but when I boil anything it seems to boil up, as you discover, for I really set out only to write a line or two about our Grange.

Mr. Smith told me the other night that he knew a Patron who had ordered his VINDICATOR stopped, I said it was a vile slander, and left him; was I right?
OLD PATRON.
Terry Grange, May 3, 1875.

PLATFORM OF NEW YORK PATRONS.
At a late meeting of the State Grange, a platform was adopted embodying the following principles: Associated efforts among farmers for social and financial improvement, is necessary; corporations should be subject to government control; opposition to unfair discrimination by railroads against any class or locality; favoring a system of assessments that will reach all property, exempting none; opposition to short or long selling in large markets; against extension of patents favoring the reduction of emoluments of office-holders, and giving them salaries instead of fees; and lastly, expressing a belief that examination of prison and almshouse statistics will show that most of the crime and pauperism result from intemperance.

THE Grange co-operative store at Peoria, Ill., has proved so great a success during the five months it has been in operation, that the directors have voted to increase the cash capital from \$5,000 to \$15,000. One day's sale exceeded \$400.

MAKE your Grange a school for every member, so that every one will see that it is good for them to be there, and soon outsiders will understand that they are missing a good thing by not being in the Order.

The Grange and the Railroads.

The Blade, in a recent issue, has an article taking the very reasonable ground that there is not, and should not be any antagonism existing between the farmers and the railroads in themselves; but that the trouble lies in the attempt of the latter to collect exorbitant freights, while the difficulty is increased by the efforts of scheming politicians. "In some of the Western States," says the Blade, "demagogues of this class have mistaken the real purposes and aims of the Granges. They have assumed that the farmers were opposed to railroads, and that the more oppressive the laws adopted, the more popularity legislators would have with the Grangers. Time has shown them their error. The farmers are not the enemies but the friends of railroads, since no other improvements are of so much importance to them. Without railroads, Western products would be comparatively worthless; but with railroads, Western farmers have a good market for their grain and stock, and are getting rich. None understand these facts better than the farmers themselves, and those who have supposed that there existed a conflict of interest between honest farmers and honorable railroad managers, only disclose their ignorance of the situation.

The farmers have justly complained of railroad combinations, by which fair and legitimate competition has been destroyed and extortionate freight rates maintained; but they have never objected to the payment of fair shipping prices. Some State Legislatures, acting upon mistaken views respecting the objects and wishes of farmers, adopted laws which are oppressive to railroads, and which must impair their efficiency, and the farmers are now demanding the repeal of all such enactments. They want no unjust legislation in their behalf, and political demagogues will soon discover this fact. The interests of producers demand cheap transportation rates, but intelligent farmers understand that railroads cost large sums of money and are expensive when in operation, and they are willing to pay such rates for carrying their surplus products to market as will properly remunerate rail companies.—American Farmer.

Intemperance, Profanity and Lavagance Denounced.

At a regular meeting of the Liberty Grange No. 506, of the Patrons of Husbandry, of Saline county, Mo., among other resolutions the following were adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the many evils which ought to and which can, as we believe, in a great measure be abolished or abrogated, we earnestly urge all true Patrons and others to use their influence to counteract these evil tendencies, which we see abroad in the land.

Resolved, That reform in various ways is necessary, and this fact must be apparent to all. Excesses of whatsoever nature, should be discouraged and discountenanced, and those who will persist in encouraging them are conducting themselves in such a way as to bring reproach and stigma on society, and they should be persuaded to reform and forsake the evil tenor of their ways, and join us in an earnest endeavor to benefit our fellow beings.

Resolved, That men are too much addicted to the use of profane and unbecoming language; language, which in its tendency has an immoral effect upon those who are thrown in their company. That we cannot commend a father or brother, or other person, who is in the habit of using bad or profane language, in the presence of his family or other company.

Resolved, That men are too much in the habit of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage. When so used we look upon it as one of the great evils of our day, which justly deserve the condemnation of all who have the good of society at heart, and that we will not, knowingly patronize those who will persist in dealing out this most dangerous and deadly enemy of all good society, either at home or abroad.

THE managers at the Grange produce agency at Indianapolis, Ind., have published their first annual report. Despite severe opposition, they claim to have conducted a successful business and to have handled a large quantity of corn by the ear lots; also, wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, onions, apples, peaches, berries of all kinds, dried fruits, butter, eggs, feathers, and, in short, every product grown in the country.